

"ANGEL DANCER" A SUICIDE, AND NOW THE FOLLOWERS OF MASON ARE BUT SEVEN.

"John the Baptist" Shoots Himself After Vainly Trying to Cast Out a Devil When Not Under the Spell He Was Reckoned the Best Farmhand in Jersey.

"John the Baptist," most fanatical of the "angel dancers," that queer New Jersey sect which got itself so much in the papers a dozen years ago, is dead by his own hand. It takes another from the long-haired, long-bearded colony of fanatics on the old Storm place at Woodcliff, and one person is missed among them in these days; for the followers of Mnasoon the prophet, who started to convert the world fifteen years ago, now number but seven. Their uncles New Jersey neighbors, who look upon the angel dancers as a bad advertisement for a growing town, have stopped having them arrested for Sabbath breaking and other breaches of common conventionality, and the colony was nearly forgotten when John the Baptist, who was John McClintock "in the world," brought it into notice again.

His worldly neighbors have one great regret for John. With his passing departs one of the most energetic farmhands in New Jersey. When he was needed on "The Lord's Farm," the home of the angel dancers, and in the intervals of the sporadic seasons of religious zeal, when, he said, the Lord called upon him to testify aloud, John worked as a farmhand. He put as much energy into hoeing potatoes or pitching hay as he did into his prayer and testimony. There isn't a six foot Swede in Jersey who could keep up in a day's work with this little, wild-eyed man, whose hair and beard, trimmed for fifteen years, fell to his waist line.

Last fall John the Baptist had a vision of the night. He thought that he stood on a high cliff overlooking a great water. As he looked, the water rose. He tried to run, but something held him. It rose until it reached his chin. He stretched forth his hand and smote the waters, and they spread and receded from him.

In the morning, after the brothers and sisters had finished the vegetable stew, untainted with the flesh of beasts, on which they live, Mnasoon the prophet interpreted the dreams which the brothers and sisters had dreamed in the night. John told his dream.

"The water was the ocean of human souls," said Mnasoon, "and thou shalt make it pure. Behold, thy touch shall smite the waters and they shall spread. Go forth and preach the gospel. The Lord has called thee." So the little old man left the colony and trudged down the road into the world. He had no money—nothing but his Bible, a pack in a bandanna handkerchief and his suit of blue overalls.

"Where does the Lord will that I go?" he asked at the gate. "The Lord will give the direction," said Mnasoon. John set his face southward and trudged toward Philadelphia. The colony heard from him once or twice during the winter. The time was ripe for salvation, he said, but men were deaf. The devil had hardened their hearts. Also, his body was faint with weariness.

"It's that old stomach trouble," said Archibald Lyttle, when they told him about it at "The Lord's Farm." Lyttle is almost the only member with whom the colony will have any dealings. "What he needs is a steady job and good feeding and some medicine for his stomach," he said. "I'll send for him. So Lyttle wrote to John the Baptist, whose Philadelphia address he had found, sending a ticket to Woodcliff.

It was last Thursday morning when John the Baptist came out of the morning mist with his long hair hanging in damp strings over his shoulders, his skin beneath his scraggly beard paler than ever, his eyes bright. Lyttle bade him to breakfast, but he could not eat.

"The power that lies in darkness is behind me. Work before it is too late!" he said. Lyttle put him to work setting out tomatoes. Never did plants go into the ground so fast. When dinner time came, John hardly touched his lunch pail.

"Now, John," said Lyttle, kindly, "this won't do. Your stomach's had again. I used to be a bit of an apothecary in the old country. I've something that will do you good."

"I fight the flesh with the flesh and the spirit with the spirit," cried John. The Lord gave his apostles power to cast out devils. There's a devil here," he said, his hand on his stomach, "and the spirit shall cast him forth." With that same burning energy, John fell to planting tomatoes again. As he worked, he called on the Lord.

John was a little more rational by night. He ate a little. When they called him for breakfast in the morning he was gone. They found him down in the tomato patch, grubbing madly away. "Get out, devil!" he yelled when Lyttle approached. "I have cast thee out. I'll cast you all out. And he went on planting tomatoes, muttering, "For the hour of deliverance is at hand—is at hand." He kept that up, as he worked, like a refrain. In the middle of the morning John was missing. But couldn't find him. About noon Mrs. Lyttle started to tidy up the house. A little and she found him. There was a hole in the side of his head and his hands were clutching the barrel of Lyttle's Winchester.

Mnasoon the prophet is away from the Lord's Farm. When Lyttle told the farm people they said that his spirit was there, but his flesh belonged to the flesh. So the Corner took his body and is waiting to hear from his people in Philadelphia. The farm life has gone on as ever. Titus of the Lord's Farm, who is Garry Storms to the world's people and who was once a student at Rutgers, spoke yesterday with calm complacency of John's translation. Titus, whose clothes are patched for righteousness' sake until their original material is unrecognizable, was making.

"The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away," said Titus, jerking a strand of his hair out of the milk pail. "Who shall criticize the Lord's ways? It was the Devil. Maybe he was called by the Lord to do it. Mnasoon is not here and the meaning has not been revealed."

FLIED FIRE IN HIS SPECTACLES.

Italian Was Going to Take a Bath—Cop Shut In by Smoke.

Some tin roofers working on a one story extension at the rear of the three story tenement house at 181 Bleeker street set fire to the place with their gasoline lamp and ran. The fire spread and worked its way between 181 and 183 Bleeker street.

There was a night fire in 183 Bleeker street recently and a panic, and the Italian tenants of the two houses, remembering that, got out quickly. Frank Palazzo, a bookbinder, who lives on the second floor of 183, hurried down to the street with only a pair of spectacles on. He had been trying for a bath and had put his clothes under his arms as he fled. He ran to a safe distance from the fire, followed by a crowd of young Italian boys, and he put on his clothes. Later he sneaked back.

Patrolman Louis C. Hudson of the Mercer street station saw the smoke and ran down the building to see if he could put out the fire. After he had reached the enclosed court in the rear the smoke prevented his getting back to the street, and he had to stay until the firemen released him. His uniform was brand new, but it looked old with smoke and dirt after Hudson escaped. He spent his time while out in pulling down clothes lines filled with family washing to prevent the fire spreading along them to other buildings. The firemen kept the damage down to \$500.

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A Special Sale of Silk Lining.

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Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

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THE SUPPLY BILL REPORTED.

IT SHOWS AN INCREASE OF OVER \$500,000 OVER LAST YEAR.

The Total is \$2,004,670—Chairman Rogers Explains That the Increase is Due to Inserting Various Items That Did Not Appear in Last Year's Bill.

ALBANY, April 1.—The Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly has reported the annual supply bill. Its total appropriations amount to \$2,004,670 and its appropriations \$379,848, as compared with appropriations aggregating \$2,227,160 and appropriations of \$328,430 in the supply bill of 1904. Chairman Rogers in a statement issued to-day says:

"The apparent increase over last year is more seeming than real, for the reason that last year the appropriations for the payment of State aid to towns working the highways under the money system, or Fuller-Plank act, and for the cancer laboratory at Buffalo were carried in other bills, and are this year included in the supply bill."

Gov. Odell vetoed a large appropriation in the supply bill last year for the abolition of grade crossings. In the bill of this year, according to Mr. Rogers' statement, is the item for abolition of grade crossings, for which \$300,000 has been allowed this year, as against \$150,000 last year. Continuing the statement says:

"The following are the principal items contained in the 1905 supply bill which did not appear in the bill of last year: State aid to counties maintaining county roads, \$20,486; State aid to towns under the Fuller-Plank act, \$485,192; for the payment of adjudicated assessments for local improvements against State property in various counties, \$29,851; cancer laboratory at Buffalo, \$15,000; for the inspection and supervision by the State Engineer and Surveyor of expenditures for highways in towns receiving aid under the Fuller-Plank act, to the end that the aid extended by the State may not be improperly applied or wasted, \$15,000; deficiencies in wages of the State hospital employees for the past fiscal year, due to the act passed last year increasing such wages, \$71,932; deficiency in the wages of State hospital employees for the current fiscal year, due to the same reason, \$209,553."

"The increase in appropriations is because of two large items, one being the unexpended balance of \$10,250 for the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, and the other \$75,000 for the elimination of grade crossings at Schenectady."

"But for the foregoing new items, the supply bill this year would show a very substantial decrease from that of last year. The allowances of many departments have been materially lowered, but in a few instances the committee, after very careful consideration, has deemed it necessary to grant some increase."

"Another is an increase from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for enforcing the provisions of the Agricultural Law relating to diseases of domestic animals. This is made necessary by the epidemic of rabies in various parts

of the State and the prevalence of tuberculosis in cattle and other like diseases, all of which seriously endanger the life and health of our citizens.

"There is also an increase of about \$60,000 in the deficiency item for the maintenance of State hospitals, other than wages and salaries during the past fiscal year."

DEFEAT ON THURLOW WEED.

An Address at the 25th Anniversary of the "Albany Evening Journal."

ALBANY, April 1.—At the dinner in the Hotel Ten Eyck this evening to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Albany Evening Journal, Senator Chauncey M. Depew delivered an address on "ThurLOW Weed as I Knew Him." He detailed many incidents in the political career of Mr. Weed and in conclusion said:

Horace Greeley, James Gordon Bennett, Henry J. Raymond and Thurlow Weed formed the quartet of journalists who were the fathers of modern political and independent newspapers. Among them, Mr. Weed was also a political leader with the rarest sagacity and ripest judgment. He held power unimpaired for thirty years because, unlike most leaders, he never distrusted youth. Wherever a young man rose above the surface upon the platform as a political speaker, at the bar, as a lawyer, as a writer in the newspapers, Mr. Weed's eye was instantly upon him, and the local leaders were instructed to give him his chance. Different from other leaders, he preferred to accomplish his purpose, not by holding office himself, but by keeping in office the man best fitted for that mission.

His early elected William H. Seward as the most brilliant, intellectual and moral force to fight slavery. Mr. Seward had not the first qualification of a politician, but he possessed the qualities of a statesman.

Mr. Weed's talents as an editor were not in long editorials, but in short ones characterizations of political opponents, landations of political friends, the principles of his own party and the evils of the declarations of the other party. These were so quotable that they furnished matter and texts for the press of the State and often of the country."

ULSTER COUNTY INVESTIGATION.

Serious Charges Against Superintendent of the Poor Sammons.

ALBANY, April 1.—Gov. Higgins to-day designated Eberet E. Woodbury of Jamestown, Surrogate of Chautauque county, as special commissioner to hear the evidence and report on the charges of gross misconduct made against Superintendent of the Poor Abram Sammons by the Supervisors of Ulster county. Attorney-General Mayer appointed Attorney Theodore R. Tubbill of Binghamton, as special Deputy Attorney-General to represent the State in the proceedings. The hearings will probably begin in Kingston on April 17.

Acting for the Supervisors to-day, Attorney John F. Clonahan filed with Gov. Higgins supplemental charges against Supt. Sammons. These charges accuse Sammons of using the county's poor money to pay debts of his son, of wrongfully employing rascals and charging up greater salaries for them against the county than he paid them and appropriating the differences to his own use, of allowing the excess in the institute to intermingling, of

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Crepe de Chine. Complete line of a good quality Crepe de Chine, all the desirable evening tints; usual value 75c yd.

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in desirable patterns and colorings, extensive assortment to select from; 75c value 50c yd.

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Balance of special lot, to be closed out at 58c yd. \$1.50 to \$2.00 value.

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For Summer and Seaside Dresses.

We are showing an extensive assortment of these in the Dress Goods Dept., in addition to

Plain and Fancy Linens

in white and a complete line of colors, at a wide range of prices.

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8.500 yds. of Challies, plain Albatross and black and navy blue Canvas Voile, to be offered at 38c yd. Remarkable value.

Wash Goods Dept.

Special Sale of 6,000 Yards

32-inch Scotch Zephyr.

Large variety of very desirable designs and colorings, in plain and fancy stripes, shepherd checks and plaid effects; value 25c at 19c yd.

Washable Voile

in all of the leading Spring shades; and also three sizes in shepherd check and broken plaid effects; 18c yd. value 25c.

32-inch Plain Oxfords

in a variety of plain shades, very desirable for dresses and waists, value 25c. 18c yd.

Domestic Ginghams. Very desirable lot of all new goods, in handsome designs and colorings, suitable for women's and children's wear, at 12 1/2 c yd. Special value.

White Goods Dept.

Special Sale of Mercerized

Madras Cloth and Cheviots.

Large variety of very attractive designs, polka dots, fancy figured and striped effects, at 25c yd.

Large Assortment of Fine White Goods Remnants at

Reduced Prices to Close Out.

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Photograph Frames. French gilt, enamel, bronze finish and rhinestones, locket and ezel backs; value \$2.00 to \$6.00. \$1.00

Men's Underwear

for Spring and Summer.

Merino.

Light and medium weight, white or natural. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50.

Imported Balbriggan.

Shirts with long or short sleeves; Drawers regular or short inseam. 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.50.

Sleeveless Shirts, 75c, \$1.50.

Imported

Silk and Wool, white, tan, blue garment. \$4.00

Imported Lisle Thread

Shirts with long or short sleeves; Drawers regular or short inseam. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50.

Knee Drawers, 50c, 85c, \$1.00.

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Silk Petticoat Dept.

Monday, April 3rd.

Special Offering of Petticoats in a great variety of styles, including

White China Silk, plain and lace trimmed,

Pongee in natural color and gray, plain and embroidered

Foulard in black and colors,

Taffeta (best quality), in black and colors,

from \$5.50 to \$15.00, about 1/2 their value.

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Wash Shirt Waists.

A variety of styles in lawn.

98c., \$1.45, \$1.65, \$2.25.

Fancy Figured Madras, at \$1.65.

(All special value.)

Corsets.

In Fine Batiste,

attached supporters, at \$1.35, value \$2.50.

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Kimonos.

Long Kimonos in Lawn, flowered patterns and cotton crepon, at \$1.85.

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In Lawn, flowered patterns, at 75c.

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Monday, April 3rd, 1905.

Our new lines in Wiltons, Axminsters, Body Brussels, Wilton Velvets, &c., are the most extensive we have ever placed on exhibition, comprising a number of exclusive private designs and colorings suitable for all grades of furnishings.

As a special inducement on this occasion,

we will offer the following standard grades:—

25,000 yards Axminsters at 85c. & 95c. per yd., regularly sold at \$1.35 to \$1.50.

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Our stock is complete with the various styles of Warm Weather Gloves, including

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Suede Lisle Gloves, best quality, 75 cts.

And the beautiful, cool Silk Mesh Gloves, embroidered, 98c. per pair.

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HE WOULD SAVE 200 TREES.

Brooklyn Park Commissioner Opposed to Interborough Vandalism.

Park Commissioner Michael J. Kennedy of Brooklyn is not opposed to the Flatbush and Ocean avenues extension of the subway, as has been intimated in some quarters, but he believes that the Interborough company should secure another site for its store yard than Ocean avenue, as suggested. This thoroughfare is lined with Norway maple trees, and Landscape Architect Samuel Parsons, Jr., has reported to Commissioner Kennedy that if the store yard of the subway is to be built under Ocean avenue fully 200 of the maples will be destroyed. He says no success will result from transplanting the trees. Commissioner Kennedy suggests Parkside avenue, between Ocean and Coney Island avenues, where there is a roadbed 50 feet wide and 3,000 feet long. No trees would be destroyed there.

At Work on New Arbitration Agreement. The joint committee of five employers and five members of unions appointed a week ago to draft a new arbitration agreement met for several hours in the Building Trades Club last evening. The meeting was held in the building trades club, which expects to finish its work at a third meeting this week. The new agreement will be submitted for ratification at a convention of employers and employees at the Building Trades Club on April 22.

Tug in the Bridge Crush. Morris Blonferb, a pedler, 20 years old, of 54 Ridge street, was locked up in Police Headquarters last night, charged by Albert J. Goode of 79 Lee avenue, Brooklyn, with stealing \$45 from his pocket. Goode was on his way home and in the crush at the Bridge felt a tug. He whirled around and seized Blonferb. Central Officer in Brown and Litch seized him, too. They found the money on the ground at Blonferb's feet, they say.

Fire at Lewis Cass Ledyard's. There was a slight fire yesterday morning in the home of Lewis Cass Ledyard at 2 East Eighty-seventh street caused by a poorly insulated electric light wire on the third floor. A maid discovered the fire and turned in an alarm from the fire box on the corner. The family were all up at the time. The damage was only \$50.